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tad gifts to his station. To retail the mandarin's powers
ig not to the respect he inspired, based on a religious authority

from Western functionaries. Oriental respect is by morality, fortified by tradition, and maintained by the of rites. The mandarin is no administrative cipher who may be by a secretary or an interpreter, but an awe-inspiring repre- of the Emperor, the indispensable intermediary between the and the people. The mandarinate represented the of an ambitious Annamite youth. aristocracy is a small ever-changing group of infinitely less the mandarinate. Titles are conferred by the members of the royal family, meritorious mandarins, deserving citizens. They do not involve office-holding DOT siw but honorary privileges. Five titles existed which might be bet each generation the degree of nobility diminished in a way that by the sixth generation the family was once more into die people, Gk-Iong created four Chancellors who the Klkrs of the Empire. They, with a host of minor in charge of the royal household, executed the Emperor's his lifetime and after his death. Two councils of state the Coiaat a secret group which dealt with all important of the Ministerial Council discussed agrarian the framing of imperial edicts.

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